

July 24, 2014

Mr. Thomas F. Farrell II
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Dear Mr. Farrell:

On July 21, 2014 the board of North Old Town Independent Citizens Civic Association (NOTICE) and some of our members met with representatives of Dominion to discuss the proposed 230kV transmission line from the Glebe station to the PEPCO transmission station in north Alexandria. We appreciated the willingness of Messrs. Wesley Keck and S.A. Quarberg, Ms. Deborah Tompkins Johnson, and Ms. Tiffany Taylor-Minor to meet with us. Their presentation was informative, courteous, and professional.

We understand the purpose of this project is to address reliability issues that are likely to arise in the near future and that you are planning to partner with PEPCO to resolve these problems. We understand also that design of the transmission station and the exact route of the line are not final.

Despite the best efforts of your representatives, we have a number of major concerns about this project. While they stated that no final decisions had been made on the route of this line and the location of this station, they were unable to tell us what alternatives had been considered and why those alternatives were discarded. They also were unable to identify the specific power needs that would be served by this line or specific reliability issues. Further, we were unable to learn from them what alternate interconnection points were available and what other ways of making those connections were possible. In short, we are asking: Why does this line have to come to the PEPCO site in north Alexandria?

There is an additional timing issue. If no decisions have been made and if your consultants are just now beginning work on design and routing issues as your representatives stated, how do you expect to have a final proposal ready to submit to regulatory authorities by the end of this year? As I stated to your representative at the July 21 meeting, it appears that the major decisions have been made. They did not contradict my conclusion.

We did not find the arguments that this line will benefit Alexandria credible. It is already public knowledge that the major need for additional power driving this new line is power demands from electronic data centers in Loudoun County. The power needs of Alexandria from the new developments along Route 1 and in the Eisenhower Valley are not new. Those developments have been known for many years, and we trust that Dominion made plans for those developments long ago. Yet another question in regard to the timing of this proposal is why did it come forth only after much of the new development and infrastructure improvements in north Alexandria were built? Why must we tear up much of this new construction and disrupt businesses, traffic, and residential life when the principal financial beneficiary of the new line will be Dominion?

This proposal came as a major shock to this community. When the power generating plant that sits next to the PEPCO transmission station closed, we saw this closing as the end of a polluting eyesore that provided no measurable service to Alexandria. Further, and even more important, we saw this as a

unique opportunity to redevelop this property in a creative way that benefited the residents of this area and took full advantage of the site's river front location. We understood that the PEPCO transmission station was likely to stay on the property but could be camouflaged so as to minimize its visual impact. Although the PEPCO station takes up approximately three of the twenty five acres of the property, we believe that significant, creative development can occur around that obstacle. This new proposal will take most of the existing parking lot, virtually doubling the area committed to electric transmission facilities. This means that twenty to twenty five percent of the land will not be available for creative redevelopment, significantly diminishing the value of that land and doing nothing to enhance to appearance of the property that sits adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and a high-rise residential condominium. It also greatly diminishes the possibility that the city of Alexandria can fully realize the benefits of innovative reuse of this riverfront property.

We understand your need to meet service standards. We are certain that there are alternatives to both the location of the station and the route of the line, locations that will meet your needs and not diminish the quality of life of North Old Town residents.

We look forward to additional discussions with Dominion on this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Soapes
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